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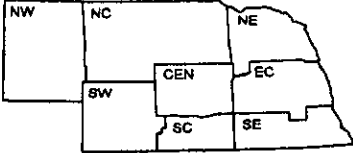


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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged one to eight degrees above normals in the west while averaging one to four degrees below normals in the eastern portion of the State. Precipitation, in the form of snow, averaged from a tenth to half an inch across the State.

GENERAL

Above normal temperatures coupled with minimal precipitation allowed full scale fieldwork during the first three weeks of December, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The weather also provided conditions favorable for good utilization of stalk fields by cattle. Monitoring of farm stored grains was active with some producers finding grain going out of condition. Producer

GENERAL (Cont.)

activities included record keeping, tax preparation, 1999 crop year planning, and livestock care

CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 1% poor, 22% fair, 68% good, and 9% excellent. The crop appears to be doing well due to adequate moisture, mild temperatures, and good snow cover (in most areas).

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Livestock continued to glean stalk fields. Some supplemental feeding occurred the last week of December due to snow cover and cold temperatures. Feed, hay and forage supplies were mostly adequate across the State, with some areas showing surplus supplies.

| SUPPLIES OF FEED GRAINS AND HAY AND FORAGE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1998 | | AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS | | | | | | | | STATE | LAST REPORT | LAST YEAR |
|--|--------------|-----------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|----------------|--------------|
| | | NW | NC | NE | C | EC | SW | SC | SE | | | |
| PERCENT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feed Grains (Percent) | - Very Short | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | 0 |
| | - Short | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | n/a | 2 |
| | - Adequate | 72 | 98 | 48 | 74 | 81 | 68 | 63 | 66 | 72 | n/a | 90 |
| | - Surplus | 22 | 2 | 52 | 26 | 19 | 29 | 37 | 34 | 27 | n/a | 8 |
| Hay and Forage (Percent) | - Very Short | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | n/a | 1 |
| | - Short | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 2 | n/a | 14 |
| | - Adequate | 72 | 97 | 83 | 76 | 80 | 90 | 80 | 89 | 85 | n/a | 78 |
| | - Surplus | 22 | 3 | 17 | 23 | 19 | 6 | 12 | 11 | 13 | n/a | 7 |

n/a = not available

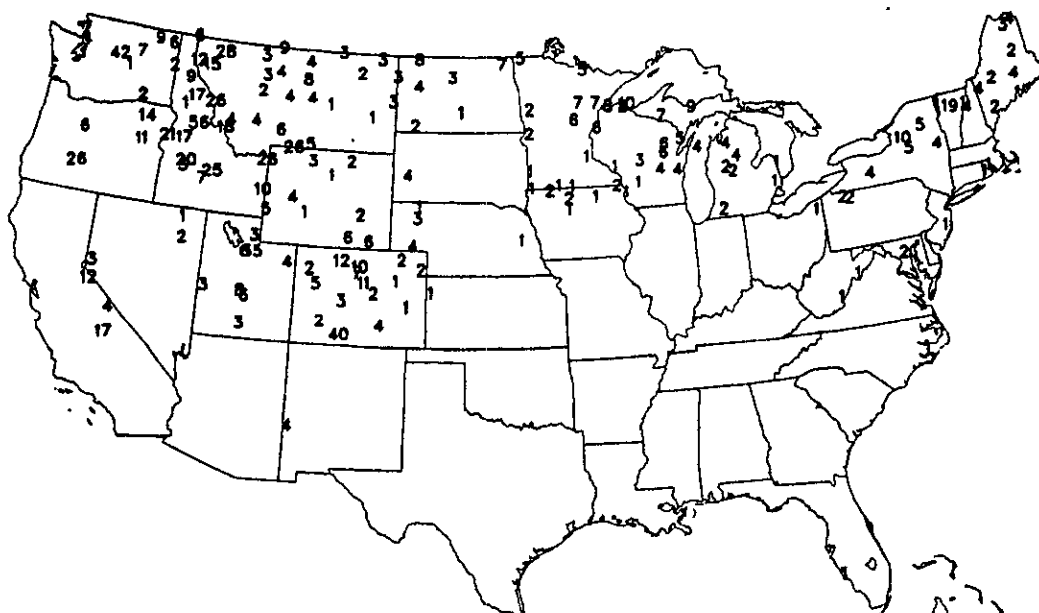
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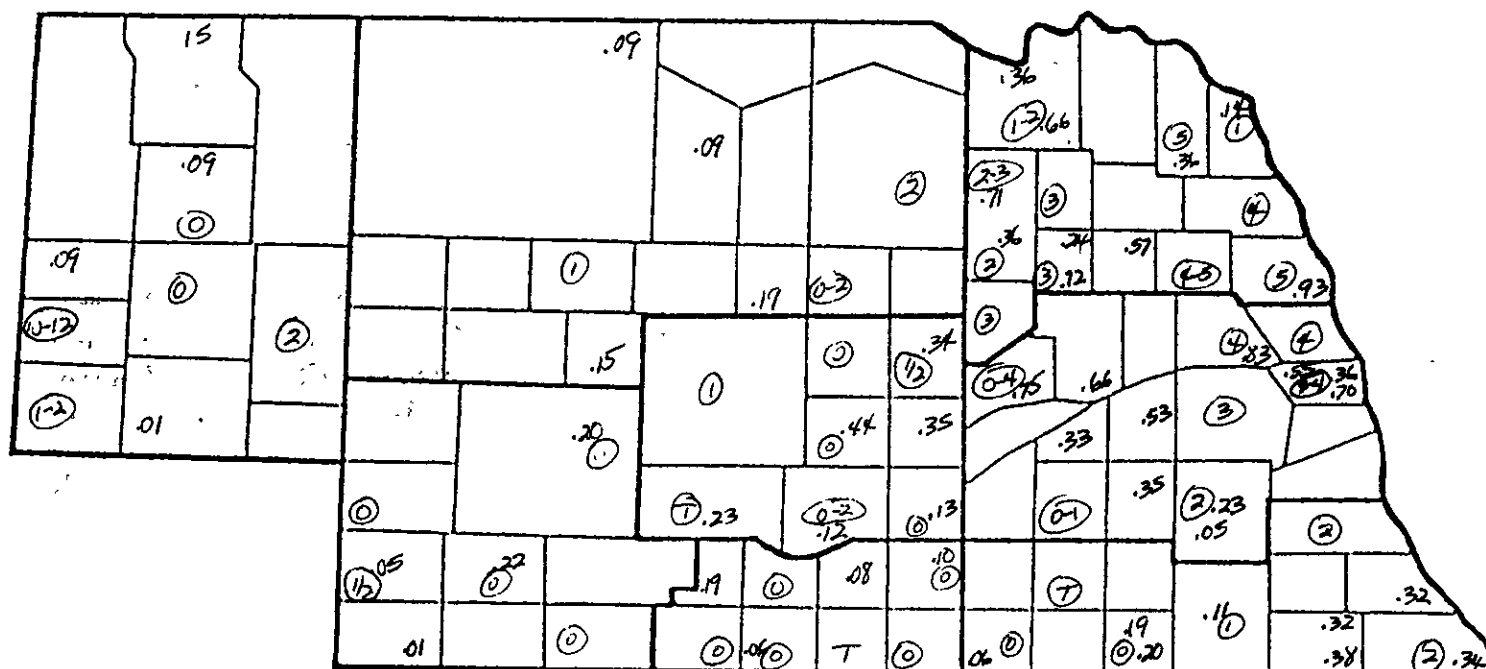
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Dec 28, 1998



The NWS co-operative network is the principal source of the snow depth reports.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1999



Circled numbers represent depth of snow in inches as of December 31, 1998

**TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR
WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1999**

| Station | | Temperature | | | | Precipitation |
|---------|--------------|-------------|-----|------|-----------|---------------|
| | | Extremes | | Mean | Departure | Total Inches |
| | | Max | Min | | | |
| NW | Chadron | 50 | 2 | 26 | --- | .15 |
| | Scottsbluff | 53 | 9 | 32 | +8 | .09 |
| | Sidney | 46 | 9 | 29 | --- | .01 |
| NC | Valentine | 57 | -6 | 23 | +4 | .09 |
| NE | Norfolk | 50 | -2 | 19 | 0 | .24 |
| | Sioux City | 45 | -8 | 14 | -4 | .14 |
| CEN | Grand Island | 51 | 0 | 23 | +1 | .13 |
| | Ord | 56 | 0 | 22 | --- | 0 |
| EC | Lincoln | 47 | -1 | 21 | -1 | .23 |
| | Omaha | 44 | -7 | 18 | -3 | .36 |
| SW | Imperial | 50 | 2 | 29 | --- | .05 |
| | North Platte | 61 | -3 | 26 | +5 | .20 |